the paddy flats, has very well emphasized the necessity of developing the tank system in this district. A fair proportion of the funds has not been hitherto allotted for irrigation projects in this district. Much good will come out of the improvement of these minor irrigation projects.

Reply of Government.—Noted for consideration. There is a proposal that some distinction should be made between minor tanks in the Maidan and the Malnad.

Subject No. 385.
Arrangement for better management of Muzrai institutions.
Messrs. S. R. Balakrishna Rao and B. Garudachar.

Summary of discussion.—It is requested that arrangement may be made for the better inspection and management of the Muzrai and charitable institutions, especially *annachattrams*.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

Subject No. 386.
Municipal Regulation for Shimoga town.
Mr. B. Garudachar.

(*a*) *Summary of discussion.*—The want of an effective and workable Municipal Regulation to control the various frauds that are being committed with referrence to the Octroi and other sources of revenue to the Municipality and to enforce sanitary measures, &c., is very much felt in this Municipality. This want may be removed by bringing into force the long contemplated and oft-promised Regulation.

Reply of Government.—Noted. A Draft Municipal Regulation will shortly be published.

(*b*) Articles are stored in villages outside the Municipality, though they are intended for consumption within the Municipality. Deposit and transport of dutiable articles outside Municipal limits should be placed under proper check, by the extension of the Sayer procedure to Municipal Octroi.

Reply of Government.—This does not seem possible.

Subject No. 387.
(a) Town improvements in Shikarpur.
Mr. S. Venkatachar.

(a) Summary of discussion.—The town of Shikarpur is the second in point of population in the Shimoga district. Want of good drinking water here is greatly felt. The drainage requires much attention. The town improvement may cost about Rs. 25,000. The Municipal revenue is hardly sufficient to meet the cost. A grant of half of the said sum by Government is accordingly requested, leaving the other half to be provided by the Municipal revenue.

Reply of Government.—The Government will consider this if application be made by the Municipal Board according to the rules on the subject of loans, and if there are available funds.

(b) Levy of Octroi in Shikarpur Municipality.
Mr. S. Venkatachar.

Summary of discussion.—As the receipts of the Municipality are not sufficient to meet the ordinary expenditure on account of conservancy and other charges, it is requested that orders may be passed for the levy of Octroi duty in the town.

Reply of Government.—This is a subject for the Municipal Board. Let an application be made to the Board.

Subject No. 388.

(a) Repairs to Anavatti-Tavanandi road.

(*a*) *Summary of discussion.*—The Anavatti-Tavanandi road may be ordered to be repaired from Local Funds at an early date. Estimates for this purpose were several times prepared within the past five years but no work has been done.

Reply of Government.—This is a matter for the Local Fund Board.

(b) Execution of certain Local Fund works in the district.

(*b*) It is requested that the following works may be executed for the convenience of the public :—

(1) Repair of Rayasadakere situated beyond the musafirkhana at Tirthahalli or sinking a well near it.

(2) Construction of a kitchen between the bangalow and musafirkhana at Malur (Tirthahalli taluk).

(3) Construction of a musafirkhana and a well at Guddekoppa (Nagar taluk).

Do at Humchadakatte, Tirthahalli taluk.

(4) Construction of a suitable building for chattram and musafirkhana at Mandagadde.

(5) Construction of a musafirkhana and a well at Kallurkatte.

(6) Opening of a cart-track from Melgi *via* Devangi to join Koppa Tirthahalli road with tunnels where necessary.

Reply of Government.—Referred to the Local Fund Board for consideration.

Subject No. 389.

Introduction of the elective system into the Shimoga Municipality.

Mr. B. Garudachar.

Summary of discussion.—The elective system, which is in vogue in the Cities of Mysore and Bangalore, may also be extended to this important town of Shimoga, a prayer which has been under the consideration of Government for several years.

Reply of Government.—The promulgation of the Draft Municipal Regulation, which contains the necessary provision, should be awaited.

Subject No. 390.

Extension of Sayer procedure to Municipal Octroi.

Mr. B. Garudachar.

Summary of discussion.—The Government may kindly extend the benefits of the Sayer procedure to the Octroi system, to minimize the chances of smuggling and fraud.

Reply of Government.—Already disposed of. *Vide* Subject No. 386 (*b*) *supra*.

Subject No. 391.

Inducement to convert thatched houses to tiled ones

Mr. S. R. Balakrishna Rao.

Summary of discussion.—Owners of thatched houses in Shimoga may be induced to have their houses tiled so as to prevent injuries from fire ; great risk now exists. Every year fires happen. Inducement may be given to owners in the shape of loans repayable by easy instalments, such loans being regarded as the first charge upon their properties.